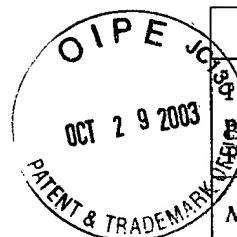


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In re Application of )  
 LASALLE R. SWENSON et al. )  
 Serial No. 09/844,086 )  
 Filed: April 27, 2001 )  
 ADSORPTIVE METHOD FOR )  
 DETERMINING A SURFACE )  
 PROPERTY OF A SOLID )

Examiner: Lyle Alexander  
 Art Unit: 1743

## REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents  
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Applicants, through their attorney, respectfully request a three-month extension of time within which to respond to the Office Action dated May 13, 2003 and the Advisory Action dated July 10, 2003; this extension will allow applicants up to and including November 13, 2003 within which to respond.

A fee transmittal form, as well as authorization for credit card payment of the extension of time fee, are attached.

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